



## LIFE SAFETY SYSTEMS POLICY FOR DAY-CARE OCCUPANCIES

The following is in accordance with the 2012 International Fire Code, and the Minimum Standards and Guidelines for Day-Care Centers, published by the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services and the Life Safety Code.

### NEW AND EXISTING DAY-CARE CENTERS

All Day-Care Centers, with *less than 50 children* shall be provided with smoke detectors in each room used by the children, including rooms where the children rest and sleep. The smoke detectors shall be hardwired powered by alternating current (battery power is not acceptable). An electrical permit is required; contact Community Services at (972) 919-2549.

All Day-Care Centers, which provide care for *50 or more children* shall be provided with a local fire alarm system in accordance with National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Standard 72, including, but not limited to:

- ☐ Approved double action type manual pull stations shall be provided adjacent to the main building exits.
- ☐ Approved smoke detectors shall be provided such that there will be no point in a corridor more than 21-feet from a detector. Additional detectors shall be installed in lounges, recreational areas and sleeping rooms.
- ☐ Approved horn/strobes shall be provided such that the alarm is audible throughout the building.
- ☐ All of the above devices shall be properly interconnected to an approved fire alarm control panel with standby power.
- ☐ An approved durable permanent sign shall be mounted adjacent to each manual pull station which reads:  
**“LOCAL ALARM ONLY – CALL FIRE DEPARTMENT”.**

**\*\*Day-Care occupancies with *more than 100 children* must have the automatic fire alarm system monitored by an approved U.L. Listed central station monitoring company.**

A minimum of two copies of the plans and specifications for the system must be submitted to the Fire Department for approval prior to starting work. A contractor, licensed by the State Fire Marshal, to sell, install and maintain fire alarm systems, shall provide plans.

### GROUP AND FAMILY DAY-CARE HOMES

All new and existing Group Day-Care Homes and Family Day-Care Homes providing care for *less than 50 children* shall be provided with single station smoke detectors installed in accordance with NFPA – 72. The smoke detectors shall be hardwired, powered by alternating current (battery power is not acceptable). An electrical permit is required; contact Community Services at (972) 919-2549.

Please contact the Fire Marshal’s office at (972) 919-2640, if you require additional information.